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SUBJECT:CHILEAN REQUEST THROUGH IAEA FOR ENRICHED URANIUM

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REFERENCES: A) IAEA VIENNA A-353; B) STATE 248548;

-- C) SANTIAGO 9876; D) IAEA VIENNA 9865

1. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE IAEA THAT FOR REASONS INDICATED
PARAS 2-4 THERE APPEARS TO BE NO LIKELIHOOD THAT U.S. SUPPLY
OF THE MATERIAL DESIRED BY CHILE COULD BE AUTHORIZED.

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2. ALL REQUESTS FOR ENRICHED URANIUM MUST BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF ALL PERTINENT U.S. POLICIES INCLUDING CRITERIA FOR NEW OR EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES SET FORTH IN PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER 28 STATEMENT. THIS REVIEW COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR DELIVERY OF MATERIAL, IF AUTHORIZED, TO BE MADE BY JANUARY 1977 BECAUSE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WOULD BE REQUESTED (SEE PARA 3) AND CERTAIN QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPLORED, E.G., AS TO WHETHER CHILE, A NON-NPT PARTY, WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT SAFEGUARDS ON ENTIRE NUCLEAR PROGRAM PENDING ADHERENCE TO NPT. (IF NOT, THEN UNDER CRITERIA ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT, U.S. SUPPLY WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF PRESIDENT JUDGED THIS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE IN WHICH NON-PROLIFERATION WOULD BEST BE

SERVED BY COOPERATION WITH NATION NOT MEETING NEW CRITERIA. WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AT PRESENT SUPPORTING SUCH JUDGMENT.)

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED WOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION ON CURRENTLY PLANNED RESEARCH PROGRAMS FOR WHICH MATERIAL IS REQUIRED. FURTHERMORE, SINCE LO AGUIRRE IS LOCATED IN ARMY RESEARCH CENTER, EVEN THOUGH (AS REPORTED REF. C) THERE APPEARS NO PLAN TO USE CENTER FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, FULL DETAILS ON INTENDED USES OF REACTOR WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO INSURE MATERIALS ARE USED ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. INQUIRY WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE MADE AS TO WHETHER INSTEAD OF 90 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM, MATERIAL ENRICHED NOT OVER 20 PERCENT WOULD MEET NEEDS; IF REPLY NEGATIVE, STATEMENT OF TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC REASONS WOULD BE REQUESTED.

4. IF CONCLUSION REACHED THAT THERE WAS TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM, UNDER CURRENT U.S. POLICY, AS MISSION AWARE, SUPPLY COULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED UNLESS U.S. CONSIDERED ADEQUATE THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM APPLICABLE IN CHILE. (FYI: VISIT OF U.S. ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM TO CHILE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1977, IN VIEW OF SUBJECT REQUEST, ALTHOUGH VISIT ARRANGEMENTS WITH CHILEANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. END FYI.) IN ADDITION, SUPPLY OR CONFIDENTIAL

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PERHAPS PROJECT AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE PROVISION CONCERNING PHYSICAL SECURITY.

5. FYI. AS MISSION AWARE, INCREASING CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED HERE OVER LACK OF U.S. BILATERAL CONTROLS (E.G., RETRANSFER AND REPROCESSING CONTROLS, FALLBACK SAFEGUARDS) WITH RESPECT TO MATERIALS TRANSFERRED UNDER U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. CONSEQUENTLY, EVEN

IF CHILE WERE NPT PARTY, THOUGHT WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN
TO WHETHER/HOW SUCH MATERIAL MIGHT BE MADE SUBJECT TO
SUCH CONTROLS. U.S. PREFERENCE IS OF COURSE, FOR THESE
CONTROLS TO BE ACQUIRED THROUGH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR
COOPERATION. END FYI. ROBINSON

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